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1. SECOND FRANCO/AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE SUMMIT CONFERENCE

ENDED LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 8 WITH FINAL COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING DELEGATES QUOTE PREOCCUPATION WITH THE WORLD ECONOMIC DISORDER UNQUOTE CHARACTERIZED BY PERSISTEND TENDENCY TOWARDS INFLATION.

2. CALLING FOR SOLIDARITY AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS, COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZED URGENT NEED TO REFORM INTER-NATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM BASED ON QUOTE STABLE BUT ADJUSTABLE PARITIES UNQUOTE. COMMENT. THIS APPARENTLY ENDORSES IN A GENERAL WAY THE POINTS MADE IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE LOME MEETING OF FRANC ZONE FINANCE MINISTERS EARLY MARCH.

3. DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH EC/ACP LOME CONVENTION BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE MECHANISM TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS COULD BE EXTENDED IN FUTURE. COMMENT. DELEGATES APPEARED TO HAVE IN MIND BOTH LARGER FINANCIAL INPUT AND EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT TO COVER LARGER NUMBER OF PRODUCTS.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT DELEGATES HAD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON FRANCO/AFRICAN COOPERATION. SATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED WITH THE QUOTE NEW ORIENTATION OF FRENCH COOPERATION POLICY UNQUOTE AND WITH DISTRIBUTION OF AID THROUGH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. DELEGATES URGED THAT IN IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY ATTENTION BE PAID TO THE DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS AND PROBLEMS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL STATE. COMMENT. REFERENCE TO PAYING ATTENTION TO DIFFERENT NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS IS REPORTEDLY DUE LARGELY TO BOKASSA'S INSISTAENCE THAT THE CAR'S LANDLOCKED POSITION BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN FRENCH AID PROGRAM. PROBLEMS OF DROUGHT AFFECTED COUNTRIES WERE ALSO INVOLVED.

5. COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A DIALOGUE AMONG PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF RAW MATERIALS AND IN THE CONTEXT THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THAT THE FRENCH PROPOSED TRIPARTITE ENERGY CONFERENCE IS A POSITIVE STEP. COMMENT. SOME DELEGATES CLAIM THAT FRANCH SUCCESS IN RALLYING FRANCIPHONE SUPPORT FOR THEIR ENERGY POLICY WAS ONE OF THEIR MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AT CONFERENCE.

6. MENTION WAS MADE OF AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE IN THE FRANCOPHONE AREA.

7. IN CONCLUSION THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECIDED TO GIVE A QUOTE PERMANENT CHARACTER UNQUOTE TO FRANCO/AFRICAN CONSULTATION BY HOLDING AN ANNUAL SUMMIT MEETING. THE NEXT SUMMIT WOULD BE AT PARIS AT AN UN-SPECIFIED DATE IN 1976. COMMENT. THIS ARRANGEMENT LOOKING IN THE FUTURE APPARENTLY IMPLEMENTS THE DESIRE OF PRESIDENTS HOUPHOUET BOIGNY, SENGHOR AND OTHERS TO TRANSFORM MEETINGS SUCH AS THIS INTO A QUOTE FRANCO/PHONE COMMONWEALTH UNQUOTE.

8. THE COMMUNIQUE MADE NO MENTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN BLACK AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND DELEGATES WE HAVE SEEN SINCE CLAIM THAT THIS QUESTION WAS NOT RPT NOT RAISED. CAR FONMIN POTOLOT APPARENTLY TRIED TO DEFUSE IT IN ADVANCE BY GIVING AFP INTERVIEW ON EVE OF CONFERENCE DECLARING THAT CAR WILLINGNESS COOPERATE ECONOMICALLY WITH SOUTH AFRICA SIGNALLED NO RPT NO CHANGE IN GOCAR POLICY. THIS POLICY HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN THAT THE CHOICE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS BETWEEN WAR AND DIALOGUE, AND THE GOCAR HAS CHOSEN DIALOGUE. CAR ECONOMIC MISSIONS HAVE GONE TO SOUTH AFRICA QUOTE TO TAKE THE TEMPERATURE AND SEE THE REALITIESOF WHAT COUNTRY UNQUOTE HE SAID.

9. ZAIRIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY FONMIN BULA NYATI SEEMED ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH SUMMIT OUTCOME. HE CLAIMED GISCARD D'ESTAING'S UNASSUARING AND INFORMAL MANNER WON HIM MANY FRIENDS AMONG FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICANS AND THAT HE SAW A FUTURE FOR SUCH MEETINGS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF AFRICAN UNITY. GENERAL FEELING IS THAT WITH VISIT TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICA BEHIND HIM, WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ZAIRE. INTERESTING TO NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT GISCARD D'ESTAING VISIT TO ZAIRE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO FRANCE MARCH 9.

10. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS WITH MORE DETAIL AND PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S OFFICIAL VISIT WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.  
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